

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Continuing Application filed on 12/15/98 pursuant to Rule 62 of  
Appn. Number: 08/580,493  
Appn. Filed: 1995 Dec 29  
Applicant: Philippe BERNA  
Appn. Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING A VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE DESIGNED TO  
HOLD OBJECTS WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH A DEVICE AND ITS USE  
Examiner/GAU: Tom Hughes/3726

Molières-sur-Cèze, France, 1999, Mar 29, Mon

## Facsimile Complement of Mail

Outstanding Notice To Filing Missing Parts of Application of 1998, December 30

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, District of Columbia 20231

Sir:

A request for Extension of one Month to 1999, Mar 30 for responding to a Notice To Filing Missing Parts of Application of 1998, Dec 30, together with a \$55.00 check on BOFA for covering small entity extension fee and with an Amendment to Continuous Application filed on 1998, Dec 15 ought to be delivered today by FedEx to PTO or at the latest tomorrow. Already on 1999, Mar 2 was paid the \$39 fee corresponding to the response to this Notice To Filing Missing Parts and a copy of this Notice was included as requested. But as this payment might have reached the PTO too late, this extension of time has been petitioned. In the mail sent by FedEx was announced as an enclosure a new copy of said Notice To Filing Missing Parts. But actually it was forgotten. So please find below this new copy. As a reminder, applicant still maintains that there were not 4 but only 3 independent claims in the Continuous Application filed on 1998, Dec 15 and petitions with deference to get refund of these \$39 and \$55 fees.

Very Respectfully

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## CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

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**NOTICE TO FILING MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION (CPA)**  
*Filing Date Granted*

The Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) request filed on 12/15/98 is entitled to a filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1). The CPA request, however, lacks the filing fee(s) and/or items indicated below.

Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE** within which to file the fee(s), item(s), and any surcharge required below to avoid abandonment of this CPA. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The total amount owed by applicant is the sum of items 1(a) or (b), 2, and 3 (if checked) below.

- ☐ 1. The statutory basic filing fee is:  
☐ missing.  
☐ insufficient.

(a) Applicant must submit \$\_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee and the \$130.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) (non-small entity), or \$\_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) and file a small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27 claiming such status (if the prior application was entitled to small entity status and such status is still proper and desired, a new small entity statement is not required (37 CFR 1.28)).

(b) Applicant must submit \$\_\_\_\_\_ to complete the basic filing fee as a small entity and the \$65.00 surcharge set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e).

- ☒ 2. Additional claim fees of  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ (non-small entity) or \$ 39.00 (small entity) for one independent claim over 3.  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ (non-small entity) or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (small entity) for \_\_\_\_\_ claims over 20.  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ (non-small entity) or \$\_\_\_\_\_ (small entity) for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

- ☐ 3. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21 (m)).  
☐ 4. The CPA request is unsigned. Applicant must file a signed duplicate or ratification of the CPA request.  
☐ 5. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**A copy of this Notice MUST be returned with the reply.**

Direct the reply and any questions about this Notice to:

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